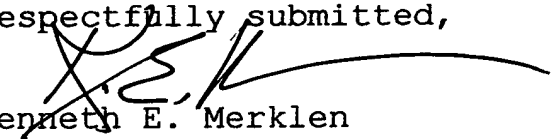


REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed 12/18/2006, addresses the identification, and essentially the status of claims 1-6, 8 and 9. The status of claims 1-6, 8 and 9 was established by Applicant in his Amendment filed January 13, 2006 in response to the Official Office Action with mailing date December 22, 2005. Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 were canceled by Applicant in his January 13, 2006 Amendment. Regrettably, Applicant's Amendment filed April 28, 2006 identified claims 1-6, 8 and 9 as (Withdrawn), which is an incorrect identification. The correct identification for claims 1-6, 8 and 9, is (Canceled), as set forth above. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment also addresses claim 7, which has two portions of part c and has an unacceptable format for parts b and c. Claim 7 has been placed in acceptable form. Also the deletion marks in the claims has been changed to conform to practice.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in allowable condition. No additional fee is required. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider this application, find this application in allowable form and condition, allow claims 7, 10, 11, 26 - 28 and 31 - 34 and allow this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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